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HANDLING, FINISHING & HANGING INSTRUCTIONS

HANDLING

- Always store doors flat on a level surface in a dry, well-ventilated building.
- Always use protective coverings under the bottom and over the top of the door to protect door from dirt, water and mistreatment. Avoid exposure to direct sunlight.
- Never store doors in a damp building where they may be subjected to varying temperatures, dryness or humidity for a prolonged period of time.
(recommended temperature 0°C to 30°C)
- Always handle doors with clean hands or while wearing clean gloves.
- Always move doors by lifting and carrying them, not dragging across one another or across the ground.

FINISHING *

- Before applying first finishing coat, remove all handling marks, raised grain, scuffs and other undesirable blemishes by sanding with the grain.
- After sanding, clean entire door with a cloth to remove dust and debris.
- Apply a thin coat of sanding sealer prior to staining for a uniform appearance and to avoid sharp colour contrasts.
- Hang and then remove door before finishing. Door must be dry before finishing.
- Test your finish prior to application and do not use steel wool on bare wood.
- Avoid a dark coloured finish if door is exposed to direct sunlight. This will reduce the chance of warping or sunburn on the door.
- Special care should be given to doors with clear glass. Finish should flow from wood lightly onto glass to prevent water leakage and protect glazing putty.
- To stain the door: apply semi-transparent stain or clear undercoat recommended for the type of application. Apply three coats of clear top coat, such as polyurethane or varnish. Sand lightly between coats. All exterior doors must have ultra violet inhibitors in the finish. Do not use solid based stains as the final finish. These finishes must have three coats of varnish or polyurethane as the final top coat.
- To paint the door: use a quality solvent-based primer, followed by three coats of an exterior paint recommended by manufacturer to be compatible with the primer. When finishing glazed doors, apply top coats generously to bridge wood and glass. To protect against moisture, lap paint onto glass 1/16". For interior application, use a quality interior primer followed by two coats of interior latex paint.
- All 6 sides of the door MUST be sealed (includes top and bottom of door).

HANGING

- When hanging a door, allow adequate clearance for swelling of door or frame in damp weather.
- Use designated sizes to avoid cutting door width.
- Use a minimum of two hinges for 1 3/8" doors up to 80" in height, three hinges for all 1 3/4" doors up to 84" in height, and four hinges for doors higher than 84" and/or thicker than 2".
- Immediately after fitting or cutting, and prior to weather-stripping and hanging the door, give the entire surface two coats of paint, varnish or a quality sealer to prevent moisture absorption.
- Use weather-stripping on exterior doors to minimize heat loss and reduce energy costs.

* to be completed within 24 hours of receiving doors/sidelites/transoms/frame

